



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 946

LCO No. 3349

Referred to Committee on Public Health

Introduced by:
(PH)

***AN ACT CONCERNING CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS CHECK FOR
EMPLOYEES WHO WORK WITH PERSONS WITH MENTAL
RETARDATION.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2003*) The Commissioner of
2 Mental Retardation may require a state criminal history records check,
3 conducted in accordance with section 29-17a of the general statutes, for
4 each applicant for employment in a department program which
5 provides direct services to persons with mental retardation. Private
6 sector service providers under contract with or licensed by the
7 department to provide residential, day or support services to persons
8 with mental retardation may require such state criminal history
9 records check for each applicant for employment who will have direct
10 and ongoing contact with persons and families who receive such
11 services. If such state criminal history records check is performed, no
12 applicant shall be hired by the department or by a private sector
13 service provider until the results of such state criminal history records
14 check are available.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2003</i>

Statement of Purpose:

To provide the Commissioner of Mental Retardation and private sector service providers with the authority to require state criminal history records checks for applicants who will provide services to persons or families.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]